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For: METHOD TO PREVENT TRANSPLANT
REJECTION BY STABLE EXPRESSION OF
HEME OXYGENASE-1

Examiner: F. G. Sajjadi

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Submitted simultaneously herewith are Exhibit A (English translation of CN1248627A), Exhibit B (English translation of CN1252450), Exhibit C (Shibahara et al., PNAS, 82: 7865-69 (1985)), Exhibit D (Declaration by the inventors under 37 C.F.R. §1.132), an Information Disclosure Statement with 5 attached references, the required fee for the Information Disclosure Statement, and a Request for ONE (1) MONTH Extension of Time with the required fee. Should the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determine that any additional fee is due or that any refund is

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